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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.97 encouraging the filing of an Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicant submits the following in compliance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 CFR § 1.56.

Information or art known to the Applicant and having an extent of relevance to the present application has been listed on Form PTO-1449 attached hereto. It includes two (2) foreign patents (copies attached). Applicant has employed Form PTO-1449 for the purpose of convenience of the Office and the Examiner.

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It is submitted that none of the art provided herein achieves the objects and advantages of the present invention. Applicant believes that the claims of the

subject application are patentably distinguishable over the art submitted herewith. The consideration of these documents in conjunction with the Examiner's search and prosecution is requested as contemplated by the rules hereinabove referenced.

Respectfully submitted,



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